# the Twilight Bark

The WAY DISNEP Feature Animation Department Newsletter

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# LOOK OUT!

The 1999 Feature Animation Caricature Show is swinging toward its April 1 opening. Please send entries to Tamara Khalaf at the ARL (mc 8595) by Friday, March 12.

P.S. Watch out for that tree!

(Chris "Jane" Buck & Kevin "Tarzan" Lima by T. Dan Hofstedt; courtesy of the ARL)



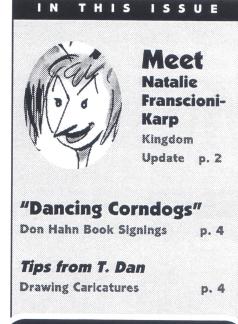
# Tarzan Swings into Post Production

ARZAN is swinging swiftly into post production. Our entire production team and remaining crew send a big congratulations to our Clean-up and Layout crews, both 100 percent complete. Thank you for your talent and hard work – we wish you

move onto your next projects.

We scored 28 minutes of the film last week, and it sounds great. We will complete the score at the beginning of March. Thanks go to Mark Mancina and the entire music team for their great work.

Phil Collins has been busy recording our songs in Italian last week – this is in addition to his recordings in Spanish, French and German. We're all looking forward to June!



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# CORE 3D

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# Reminders...

#### HOLIDAY! February 15 is President's Day



Feature Animation will be closed next Monday, President's Day, February 15. PLEASE NOTE: If you are on *Tarzan's* EFX crew, please check with your supervisor regarding the 15th.

#### New E-Mail Address Changes



If you send email to Mickey at mickey\_mouse@fa.disney.com, you are now able to send him messages in a new, simpler format: mickey.mouse@disney.com.

Corporate I.S. has made some changes in the way email is being routed in the entire company.
Changes are already in effect, so please make a note of it.

#### Last Week to Order Fantasia 2000 Jackets



Please place your orders now -this is your last chance to order
cool Fantasia 2000 jackets on
final display this week. Just take
the shuttle to BVP #313 and try
them on for size. Hurry before
the jackets move on to Florida
and Paris.

See Order Form, page 8

#### production update

# Meet Kingdom's Natalie Franscioni-Karp

atalic Franscioni-Karp, Head of Backgrounds for the new Kingdom, was destined to lead an artistic life. The combination of growing up in a very creative household (mom is a stained glass artist/illustrator/costume designer and dad is a musician), training for fifteen years in ballet, cultivating a love of gardening, and developing a taste for all things musical has created the talented artist that Natalie is today.

Natalie became part of the WDFA team as a Background Trainee at the end of *Little Mermaid*. After graduating from UCLA, she had worked for a fine art reproduction company but found that to be an almost sacrilegious experience—interior designers would order reproductions of famous works of art but request that colors be altered to match whatever wall-paper and upholstery were being used! Nonetheless, it was a paying job that provided painting experience. When that studio closed, Natalie wasn't sure how she could earn a steady living in an artistic field until the idea of working at Disney came up in a totally random conversation.

She applied to WDFA, and after a week and a half (which seemed like an eternity at the time), Natalie was asked to join the Background Trainee program. **Tim Hauser** gave Natalie the grand tour, and she was simply blown away with the artistry and the friendliness that surrounded her. She remembers thinking, "How can I possibly qualify to work with such amazing talent?" But nine and a half years later, she has more than proved her own worthiness to be in such company.

As Head of Backgrounds for *Kingdom*, one of Natalie's biggest challenges is supervising her team to create fresh, finished paintings in a simple style--while the term "simple" might lead some folks to perceive such a task as "easy," it's quite the opposite. Background painters tend to render and add textures-they are naturally geared to present a more finished look. Seeking inspiration from such films as *Peter Pan*, *Lady and the Tramp* and *Cinderella*, Natalie hopes to direct the *Kingdom* backgrounds to express so much using so little detail. She thoroughly enjoys the task of casting artists to work on scenes that best utilize their individual talents, and she appreciates how the artists contribute their own ideas to collaboratively develop a scene.

Now that the *Kingdom* art direction team has made its first official Art Direction Presentation to Tom, Natalie is excited to see the film's style emerge and "can't wait for the day she sees it all come together on the big screen"—it's a feeling of accomplishment that is truly indescribable. Until then, she will simply enjoy working with great talent in one of the friendliest work environments imaginable.

-- contributed by Kingdom's Tracey Miller



## AROUND THE WORLD WITH MULAN

# Mulan Passes the Five-Million Viewer Mark in France

The French are saying "Oui!" to *Mulan* in record numbers, just having passed the 5 million spectator mark. Disney's "Chinese Joan of Arc," according to the article, has made the "best result in 1998 for an American film after Titanic." The *La Tribune* story states, "It's also the biggest success for an animated film since *The Lion King* in 1994, which attracted 10 million spectators according to its distributor Gaumont Buena Vista." (source: *La Tribune*, January 11, 1999)



# The French Connection Between "Mulan" and Joan of Arc

An article in *Le Figaro Magazine* reveals how French viewers received our heroine: "Our Joan of Arc might have been jealous of the young Mulan, who, like Joan, wears man's dress to drive the hordes of Huns threatening her country." They draw parallels between Joan's and Mulan's fathers: "too old." "She will take his place and fight the enemy until the victory is hers. From this poetic war theme, co-directors **Barry Cook** and **Tony Bancroft** have made an adventure that is astonishing in many ways," says writer Valerie Lejeune.

#### "You feel as if you are there"

Lejeune raves, "The aesthetic style adopted for *Mulan* owes a great deal to the stark beauty of the background scenes and to the scrupulous precision of the architecture, costumes and landscapes. You feel as if you are actually there. There is also an extraordinary deployment of characters which gives the viewer an impression of great pageantry."

#### "Love plays such a timid part"

The theme of *Mulan* is also debated in the article: "Songs and hymns punctuate this pretty story where, to the regret of some, love plays such a timid part ... But romance is clearly not the main object of the film." (source: *Le Figaro Magazine*, November 21, 1998).

Mulan's Wowing Audiences Abroad

# THANKS A MILLION!

Join Employee Services as we thank the following people who helped deliver *Mulan* videos last Tuesday:

Consuelo Aduviso **Christy Bundy** Herb Burd Chip Church Sarah Crawford Thalia Del Razo Pam Dugan Erika Erickson **Matt Fover** Ann Hansen **Bonnie Hays Scot Kimberly** Mike Martines Steve Miller Steve Odle Karla Plesums Juanita Rios-Mediano Frank Salata **Jeff Templeton** Kevin Waldvogel **Korey Watari Chuck Westmore** 



# Read about "Dancing Corndogs in the Night"

Don Hahn will be on hand to sign and introduce premiere copies of his new book, *Dancing Corndogs in the Night* (about the creative process). *Corndogs* will be available for sale at the book signing dates listed below. Don's *Disney's Animation Kit*, a fun "How-To" kit for kids interested in the animation process, will be coming out February 24.

Dancing Corndogs in the Night is Don's labor of love, filled with moment-by-moment reflections on the creative process, his experiences as a producer, and a humorous look at life and how to get the best out of it. Don calls it a "bedside table," book that you can browse night after night or read on the weekend. It's an honest, candid and lighthearted guide about facing your fears, following your dreams, and living the creative life in all that you do. It's well worth a read, poolside, bedside, or wherever -- it's hard to put down.

Disney's Animation Kit is meant to be an introduction to the animation process for kids age 8 and up. It comes complete with a fun workbook, zoetrope, pencils, markers, pegs and flip books -- all ready to inspire the little animator in your life. It's a perfectly fun and interesting look at the history and evolution of the animation process, and it would make a great gift or a collector's item.

## Don Hahn's Book Signing Event

Saturday, Feb 13 • 11 a.m.

@ Vroman's, 695 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena;
(626) 449-5320

Thursday, Feb 18 • 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

@ Studio Lot Employee Center Lobby

Tuesday, Feb 23 • 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

@ Northside Lobby

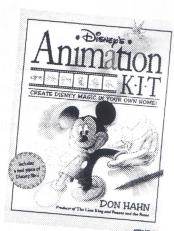
Thursday, Feb 25 • 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

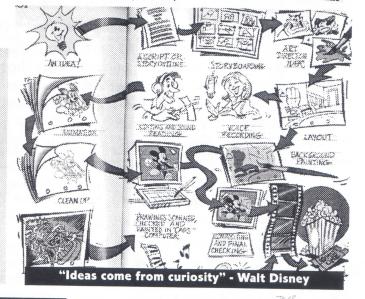
@ Southside Lounge 1302 (review board area)
\*Dancing Corndogs Will Be For Sale at these Events



The Animation Kit includes a fun workbook describing the animation process (inset, below)

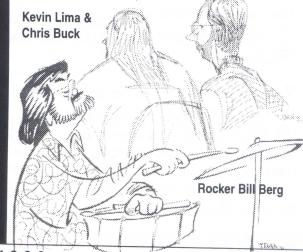
...and "Disney's Animation Kit" by Don Hahn





## TIPS FROM T. DAN

- T. Dan Hofstedt offers *Bark* readers helpful hints on drawing your next caricature:
- 1. Always try to hide behind a bush so your victim, uh, muse, can't see you.
- 2. Avoid sketching them from behind, so that you don't get the backs of their heads.
- 3. Avoid insulting your supervisor when drawing your caricatures.
- 4. Always make flattering caricatures of those who hand out your paycheck. But seriously, folks, just trust your instincts. My best caricatures have resulted from having a strong visual impression of that person after I've had a chance to observe them. Just start with a blank sheet of paper and trust your best memory of that person.



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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

# IT'S HERE!

# The Core/3D Release 2.7 Theater Demo!

Northside Main Theater (with CLI to Florida)

Monday, February 8, 1999
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PST)



#### **MAJOR FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- Faux Plane v2.0 Beta!
- Maya plug-in to manipulate Inka attributes
- New Multi-viewer for LightTool
- Integrated light assignment/patch visibility/hierarchy browser for LightTool
- Improved Pan & Zoom and Open Caps ( Loop support for ShowTool
- And, as always, much, much more!

Come munch on some sweets while enjoying the demo!

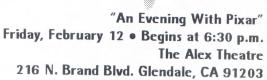


#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

## **LA SIGGRAPH Presents an**

## "Evening with Pixar"

Pixar Animation Studios will present The Making of A Bug's Life, and will be showcasing several exciting new discoveries. The event will begin with a 6:30 p.m. social hour with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free to LA Chapter SIGGRAPH members, the event is \$10 for non-members. Visit their web site for more info [www.siggraph.org/chapters/los\_angeles].



Enjoy A Feature

Animation Tradition...

# "Oscar" Movie Night"

During the months of February and March, Employee Services will screen the five films nominated for the Best Picture Oscar, one on each of the following dates at 7:00 p.m.:

Tuesday, February 16 • Northside Monday, February 22 • Southside Monday, March 1 • Northside Monday, March 8 • Southside Monday March 15 • Northside

Please watch for flyers to see which film will be screened Tuesday, February 16. Screenings are for Feature Animation employees only. Sorry, no guests or dependents. Please show your ID at the door.



The 71st
Academy Awards®
nominations will be
announced on
Tuesday,
February 9.
Whoopi Goldberg
will be the host at
this year's awards
telecast on Sunday,
March 21.

**News From HR** 

# "The Skinny on Merit Increases"

Have you been patiently waiting for your merit increase and wondering when you will see it on your paycheck? You participate in the Corporate Merit Plan if you are a Salaried or Salaried Non-Exempt employee not under a contract.

#### The Latest Update from HR

Every year each division submits its budget plan for the new fiscal year (October 1) to Corporate Compensation. The confirmation of the overall budget amount for fiscal year 1999 did not occur until late November.

Feature Animation submitted its plan and is waiting for approval.

HR will begin processing merit increases for Feature Animation upon plan approval. The pending merit increases will be retroactive to each employee's merit increase date.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact HR's Thalia Del Razo at 8247 x2564.



#### Take a Yoga Break!

Looking for a mid-day pick-me-up? Need to fulfill that New Year's resolution to get in shape? Why not try a Yoga Break! Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 noon in the Northside gym. It's a great way to revitalize, relax, and restore during the day ... gentle on the body, yoga helps you to focus. Best of all, being limber keeps you in shape and youthful. Classes are \$10 per or \$30 for four consecutive Tuesdays or Thursdays.



Yoga Classes @ Northside Tuesday, Thursday at Noon-1 p.m. Please call Kris Shedarowich for more info (tie line 8247 x2535)

#### \*Share your Hot Tips

What helps you to relax? What works for you? Share your stress-busters with the Twilight Bark. Please Quickmail Bark, Twilight or call our Hot Tip Holline at 8247 x2586. Spread the world

FEATURE ANIMATION STUDIOS PRESENTS

## "Crew Dailies"

never rated
Northside Schedule

11 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. • 12:05 p.m.

Southside Schedule

12:45 p.m. • 1:15 p.m. • 1:45 p.m.

Please note: Next week's Crew Dailies will be shown Tuesday, February 16 in lieu of President's day.

## **New Lasers & DVDs**

#### at the ARL!

The Animation Research Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of the following titles for research and reference use:

#### Laser Dises

## The Golden Age of Looney Tunes Volume 5

This compilation of 55 Warner Brothers short films includes the restored director's cut of "Hare Ribbin" as well as three WWII Navy War Bond Films featuring the naval nebbish, "Mr. Hook."



#### Honey I Blew Up The Kid (Letterbox Format)

Wayne Szalinski is at it again and this feature presentation includes the delightful animated short film, "Off His Rockers."

#### DVD

#### Landmarks of Early Film

This compilation features *Le Voyage Dans La Lune, The Great Train Robbery,* Edison Kinetoscopes, Lumiere Films, Winsor McCay, documentary footage and more!

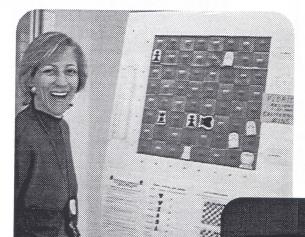
#### Call Captain Video!

Captain Video **Fox Carney, at tie line 8494 x5210,** is the one to call if you are interested in borrowing these, or any other titles in the ARL collection. When borrowing Laser Discs or DVDs, please don't forget to provide your security deposit charge number.

Check out the Laser Disc and Video Catalogues in the FA Mac Network "Feature Animation Phone List Folder" or the on the ARL link in the FA Technologies' Website. Remember to return all ARL Audio/Video material via direct courier or "Bennie" driver.

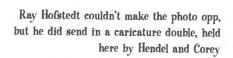


# They Saw, They Came, They Voted... and Triumphed Over Florida!



Thanks go to the following chess enthusiasts for participating and helping set up our first Bi-Coastal Chess Challenge:

Think No More, Game Over! Kathleen Fredrickson, Jack Dean, Corey Fredrickson, Ray Hofstedt (on easel) Hendel Butoy, Kevin Freels (of Southside) and Allan Rempel.





Chess Spokesmodels -- A Look Back:

For some reason, "Chess Genie," unable to fulfill his duties as "Mr. Chess Challenge Spokesmodel" was replaced in the latter half of the tournament by runner-up in the swimsuit category and People's Favorite, "Chess Donald."

Congratulations to ALL who participated in the challenge.
Thank you Florida,
for being good sports!

FEATURE ANIMATION'S ANNUAL



### CLASSIC

Winners From Last Week (Bold)

Tuesday, February 2 - Northside MORTALS:

Tesch/Zhao vs. Sells/Gerber HEROES:

Larsen/Walsh vs. Gomez/Hoffman GODS:

Tamboline/Naiksatam vs. Kallianpur/Kamenu

Thursday, February 4 - Northside

Tamboline/Naiksatam vs. Buckley/Peterson

#### GAMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 9 - SOUTHSIDE 12: 20 HEROES:

Lara/Barry vs. Cowan/Kwong
12:40 GODS:

Kallianpur/Kameny vs.
Brandstater/Woodington

Thursday, February 11 - NORTHSIDE 12: 20 HEROES:

Larsen/Walsh vs. Warner/Dalton 12:40 GODS:

Buckley/Peterson vs. Kallianpur/Kameny

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call Eileen at 8247 X2538.

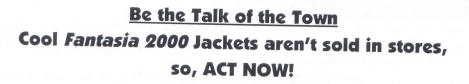






CREW JACKET ORDER FORM

FINAL WEEK
TRY ON ON Crew Jackets,
ON DISPLAY NOW
February 8-10
Eileen Aguirre @ BVP 313



# ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE!

# FINAL OPPORTUNITY!

Deadline for orders is February 10; checks can be post-dated for February 10. Please submit your check (payable to The Walt Disney Company) and order form to Eileen Aguirre at BVP #313 (mc 7410). Please allow 12-14 weeks for delivery.

Feature Animation Employees may order one jacket of each style; names can be emblazoned onto jackets. No nick names, please.

Crew Varsity Jacket	Price: \$173						
CIRCLE ONE: Name on Jacket: (optional)	XS	S	М	L	XL	2XL	
Crew Light Weight Jacket	Price: \$91						
CIRCLE ONE: Name on Jacket: (optional)	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Name:							
Tie Line/Ext:							
Building/Mail Code:							



## FEATURE ANIMATION OPEN POSITIONS

This page lists the open positions available as of 02/08/99 in California, Florida and Paris. If you have any questions please call Christy Bundy at 8247 x2528.

#### JOB CHANGES

You are eligible to pursue a lateral job change if the end date of your current assignment assignment coincides with the start date of position you are interested in.

If no start date is identified, and you are interested in the position, please complete and submit an Interest Form. These will be forwarded to the proper productions and/or departments for future consideration.

You are eligible to pursue a promotional job change regardless of the end date of your current assignment and the start date of the open position so as not to hinder your opportunities for advancement.

It is customary to be in your current position for at least one year or be at the end of production before transferring into a new position.

#### TO PURSUE AN OPEN POSITION:

- · Talk with your current AP/Supervisor about your interest in any of these open positions.
- · Contact Christy Bundy at 8247 x2528 in the Recruitment Department for an Open Position Interest Form.
- · After filling out the Open Position Interest Form, return it along with a copy of your current resumé to:

**Recruitment Department** Attn: Christy Bundy Mail Code 7454

- · Or, you can fax the Interest Form and your resumé to 8247 x2547.
- The Recruitment Department will verify the receipt of your form and will forward it to the appropriate productions/departments you have listed.
- · You will be notified within two weeks of the status of the position.

#### **CALIFORNIA STUDIO**

#### **DIGITAL PRODUCTION - Pamela Focht**

Available Positions Model Dev. Tech Lead- All Productions

Start Date

ASAP

#### TECHNOLOGY - Pamela Focht

Available Positions

Systems Integrator

Start Date

ASAP

#### OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT - Lisa Buch

Available Positions

Start Date

Traditional Training Specialist

**ASAP** 

#### OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION - Gina Aarniokoski

Available Positions

Start Date

Executive Secretary, Lilo & Stitch (bi-coastal, Florida and California) ASAP

#### **FLORIDA STUDIO**

#### **OVERHEAD/PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT - Ann Blastic**

Available Positions

TSR/Media Services

1/99

**HR** Generalist

ASAP

APM, Animation, Lilo & Stitch

ASAP

PLEASE NOTE: Not all Florida positions include relocation benefits. Please check with Human Resources regarding any questions you may have.

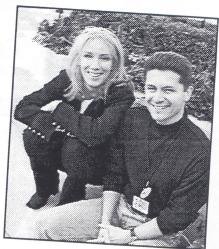
#### Please welcome our newest Mouseketeers:

#### Stacey Groner -

Production Dept. Secretary for **Alice Dewey** 

#### **Brent Shepherd -**

Communications Coordinator; Communications



# Welcome

#### TWILIGHT

is an internal weekly newsletter for the entire California Feature Animation division of The Walt Disney Company. The name comes from the movie 101 Dalmatians and references the movie's "twilight bark" used to spread a message throughout the city.

#### HOW TO REACH THE TWILIGHT BARK:

If you have news, ideas or suggestions you'd like to share, please address them to Heseon Park, Editor, at mail code 7410. Letters to the editor are always wel-

Please send submissions one week in advance of print Mondays. Please call Heseon with ANY questions you might have regarding submissions. Thank you!

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Quickmail: Bark, Twilight or Park, Heseon e-mail: twilight.bark@disney.com



## FEATURE ANIMATION EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 8-19, 1999



#### 8 MONDAY

#### 9 TUESDAY

#### **10 WEDNESDAY** 11 THURSDAY

#### 12 FRIDAY

Life Drawing Class Jeanine Breaker • 12-2:00 p.m. Northside • RSVP 8489 x4119

Life Drawing Class Jeanine Breaker • 12-2:00 p.m. Southside • RSVP 8228 x8162

Hand & Foot Drawing Craig Marshall • 12-2:00 p.m. Southside • RSVP 8489 x4121

**Uninstructed Clothed** Figure Drawing Lab 12-2:00 p.m. • Southside RSVP 8228 x8162

**Hand & Foot Drawing** Craig Marshall • 12-2:00 p.m. Northside • RSVP 8489 x4121

Life Drawing Class Steve Huston • 5-6:30 p.m. Southside • RSVP 8228 x8162

**Figure Drawing Class** Karl Gnass • 12-2:00 p.m. Northside • RSVP 8489 x4119

Life Drawing Class Glenn Vilppu • 5-7:00 p.m. NORTHSIDE • RSVP 8489 x4119 LA Chapter SIGGRAPH presents

CORE-3D

REL 2.7 DEMO 2 - 3 p.m. Northside Main Theater **Life Drawing Class** Glenn Vilppu • 5-7:00 p.m. SOUTHSIDE • RSVP 8228 x8162

lim Henson's Creature Shop Lunchtime Lecture • 12-1 p.m. Northside Main Theater RSVP 8 FULL

"An Evening

see page 5 for info or visit www.siggraph.org/ chapters/los\_angeles

#### 15 MONDAY

#### **16 TUESDAY**

#### 17 WEDNESDAY

#### **18 THURSDAY** 19 FRIDAY

President's Day Feature Animation Closed

Life Drawing Class Jeanine Breaker • 12-2:00 p.m. Southside • RSVP 8228 x8162

**FA Movie Night** 

**Figure Drawing Class** Karl Gnass • 12-2:00 p.m. Northside • RSVP 8489 x4119

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NORTHSIDE • RSVP 8228 x8162

"Oscar Movie Night" (title to be announced) **7 p.m. Northside Theater** 

First 3-D Movie Released In 1953, people wore spcial glasses to see the first feature-length 3-D movie, Bwana Devil



Oswald the Lucky Rabbit

#### SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 • My Favorite **Martian Disney University** Screening

April 1 . Feature **Animation Caricature Show** 

#### **Coming Soon**

Caricature Drawing Classes from Artist Development



#### CLASS IS IN SESSION

Glenn Vilppu's Class Location Change Glenn Vilppu's Life Drawing classes will be switching locations beginning this Wednesday, February 10. Glenn will now be teaching at Southside on Wednesdays and Northside on Thursdays. Class times will remain the same (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Walt Stanchfield

Walt will not be teaching in the month of February

EVELOPMENT

Chris Sonnenburg by T. Dan Hofstedt

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